IN RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION * BEFORE THE

NW/S Prettyboy Dam Road, 1200' SW of its

intersection w/Spook Hill Road * ZONING COMMISSIONER

and Armacost Road

6th Election District * OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

3rd Councilmanic District

* Case No. 96-34-X

Baltimore County, Maryland, Owner;

American PCS, L.P., Contract Lessee - Petitioners

TOTAL OF TRACE AND CONCLUCTORS OF TAME

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Exception for that property located on the northwest side of Prettyboy Dam Road, just west of its intersection with Armacost Road and Spook Hill Road, in the vicinity of the Prettyboy Reservoir. The Petition was filed by the owners of the property, Baltimore County, Maryland, a body politic, and the Contract Lessee, American PCS, L.P., hereinafter referred to as APC, by Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esquire, through their attorney G. Scott Barhight, Esquire. The Petitioners seek a special exception to permit a wireless transmitting and receiving facility to be located on an existing tower on the subject property, as more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 6.

This matter came in for a public hearing before this Zoning Commissioner as a combined case with six other Petitions filed by APC. Each of the seven cases included requests for zoning relief pursuant to the applicable provisions of the B.C.Z.R. At the hearings, testimony was received from Gregory Sarro, a Zoning Administrator for APC. Also present in support of the Petitions were Melanie Moser, a Consultant with Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc., and Andrew Werchniak, an electrical engineer with Moffit, Larson & Johnson, a site acquisition consulting firm. The Peti-

tioner was represented by Christine K. McSherry, Esquire.

In the specific request by APC for the subject site, there was no opposition, although testimony was generally received in opposition to the request from J. A. Mann, a resident of Randallstown. Appearing as interested parties were Lisa Roemer and Mary Roemer, residents of Parkton.

The subject Petition is another in a series of Petitions recently considered by this Zoning Commissioner on behalf of APC. As recounted in prior decisions of this office, APC is a communications company which is a new entrant in the field of wireless communications in the Baltimore-Wash-APC specializes in wireless communications, ington demographic area. including telephone, facsimile, and computer transmissions. The company employs a state-of-the-art technology to serve its clientele. One of the features of the company's communications network is the ability of mobile users to utilize the company's services. In order to provide such service, the company is establishing a grid of inter-connecting wireless facilities. Each grid serves a specific geographic area. As a user passes from one geographic area to another adjoining area, his transmission is handed off from one facility to the next. In order to establish this capability, the company must install its wireless transmitting and receiving antennae in select areas to insure a continuous and unbroken line of communication. At the Spook Hill site, the Petitioner proposes to install its antennae on an existing tower owned by Baltimore County. This tower is 400 feet in height and is located in the vicinity of the Prettyboy Reservoir on land zoned D.R. 2. The tower is utilized by Baltimore County for its public needs. The Petitioners propose to install six panel antennae on the tower at a height above ground level of approximately 150 feet, roughly 1/3 the height of the tower. The antennae will be situated on the

tower so as to provide service in a 360 degree range to the surrounding grid. These antennae are 53.3 inches tall, 6.3 inches wide, and 2.7 inches deep. Two small equipment cabinets will be installed at the base of the tower to provide electrical service and equipment to the antennae. The facility will be unmanned but for routine maintenance inspections.

Testimony received from Mr. Gregory Sarro of APC fully described the general and site specific details of APC's operation. He noted that the company has been in business for approximately six years and is duly licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Mr. Sarro described the interlocking grid system as set forth above. He noted that each grid will cover an area approximately five miles in radius, and that a facility is needed in this area of Parkton in the vicinity of the subject site. He also noted that the antennae fully comply with all FCC safety standards and guidelines. Specifically, there will be no interference with microwave, radio, television, or other transmissions and there is no danger to public health, welfare, or safety.

Testimony was also received from Melanie Moser, a landscape architect with Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc. She corroborated the testimony offered by Mr. Sarro regarding the benign effects of the proposed facility on the surrounding locale.

A packet of information was submitted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1, which fully depicts the antennae and contains photographs of the existing tower on this site. An environmental effects statement was also received (Petitioner's Exhibit 5A) which concludes that there will be no detrimental effect upon the surrounding locale.

Wireless transmitting and receiving facilities are permitted in a D.R. zone by special exception. Moreover, the B.C.Z.R. encourage indus-

tries in this field to utilize existing towers. The installation of antennae on existing buildings and towers minimizes the construction of unsightly monopoles throughout the skyscape of Baltimore County.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that the proposed wireless transmitting and receiving facility at the Spook Hill location will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the community. The evidence was overwhelming to support a finding that the inherent effects of the proposed facility are no greater at this location than if the facility was located elsewhere within the zone. It is clear that the Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. and that the Petition for Special Exception should be granted. See Schultz v. Pritts, 291, Md. 1 (1971).

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons set forth above, the special exception and variance relief should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this Aday of October, 1995 that the Petition for Special Exception to permit a wireless transmitting and receiving facility to be located on an existing tower on the subject property, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 6, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

LES:bjs

WICKOFILMED

Baltimore County Government Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning



Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

October 27, 1995

(410) 887-4386

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire Christine K. McSherry, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE
NW/S Prettyboy Dam Road, 1200' SW of its intersection with
Spook Hill Road and Armacost Road
6th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District
Baltimore County, Maryland - Owners, and
American PCS, L.P. - Contract Lessee - Petitioners
Case No. 96-34-X

Dear Mr. Barhight & Ms. McSherry:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Special Exception has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

LES:bjs

cc: Mr. Fred Homan, Director, Baltimore County Budget Office

Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esquire, American PCS, L.P.

One Democracy Ctr., 6901 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, Md. 20817

Ms. Lisa Roemer, 17236 Evna Road, Parkton, Md. 21120

Ms. Mary Roemer, 2334 Tracey's Store Road, Parkton, Md. 21120

People's Counsel; Case File

WICKUTILMED



ORDER RECEIVED FOR FI

Petition for Special Exception

to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

Northwest side of Prettyboy Dam Road; 1200 feet for the property located at Southwest of the intersection of Prettyboy Dam Road,

Spookhill Road, and Armacost Road which is presently zoned .

R.C.4

This Petition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management.

The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zoning Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the herein described property for

A wireless transmitting and receiving facility. Contract lease negotiations are ongoing between Petitioner, American Personal Communications, and the legal Owner, Baltimore County. Baltimore County agrees to the submission of this petition. American Personal Communications understands that it may not obtain a lease for this site, and is proceeding with this petition at its own risk.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County adopted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County.

I/We do solemnly declare and affirm, under the penalties of perjury, that I/we are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition. Legal Owner(s): Contract Purchaser/Lessee: Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esq. for Baltimore County, Maryland American PCS, L.P. (Type or Print Name) (Type or Print Name) One Democracy Center Signature 6901 Rockledge Drive Address (Type or Print Name) Bethesda, MD 20817 CITY Signature 401 Bosley Avenue Attorney for Petitioner: Address G. Scott Barhight, Esq. Towson, MD 21286 (Type or Print Name) Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchaser, or representative to be contacted. <u>G. Scott Barhight, Esq.</u> Name Whiteford, Taylor, & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204 832-2000 Phone No. Address Phone No. (410) 832-2000 Towson, MD 21204 OFFICE USE ONLY State ESTIMATED LENGTH OF HEARING Ashing Administration unavailable for Hearing the following dates Next Two Months _ OTHER _

elopment Manage

Description -

96-34-X

To Accompany Petition for Special Exception

0.36 Acre Special Exception Parcel
Part of the Lands Conveyed to the
Mayor and City Council of Baltimore
Northwest Side of Prettyboy Dam Road

Sixth Election District, Baltimore County, Maryland

DMW

Daft · MC une · Walker, Inc.

200 East Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21286 410 296 3333 Fax 296 4705

A Team of Land Planners, Landscape Architects, Engineers, Surveyors & Environmental Professionals Beginning for the same at the end of the third of the following courses and distances measured from the point formed by the intersection of the centerline of Spook Hill Road with the centerline of Armacost Road and the centerline of Prettyboy Dam Road (1) Northwesterly along the centerline of Spook Hill Road 300.00 feet, more or less, and thence (2) Southwesterly along the centerline of a private road 1190 feet, more or less, and thence (3) Southeasterly 17 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, said point of beginning having coordinate values North 121828 feet, more or less, and West 25684 feet, more or less, said values being referred to the coordinate system established in the Baltimore County Metropolitan District, thence leaving said beginning point and running the four following courses and distances, viz; (1) South 36 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 125.00 feet, thence (2) North 54 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 125.00 feet, thence (3) North 36 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 125.00 feet, thence (4) South 54 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 125.00 feet to the point of beginning; containing 0.36 acres of land, more or less.

THIS DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ZONING PURPOSES
ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCE.

July 20, 1995

Project No. 94123.70

CENTIFICATE OF POSTING WHING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY

District left Posted for: Secret Exception Posted for: Secret Exception Location of property 12011 5th from acost, sport they from they from Reservation of Signer Feering abod why on free feet the Location of Signer Feering abod why on free feet the their they form Reservation Remarks: Remarks: Posted by Signer Signer Posted by Signer Signer Posted by Signer Signer Posted by Signer Signer	ZONING DEPAKIMENT OF THE PARTY
--	---

&

Befinns County, by authory Befinns County, by authory Befinns County, by authory Befinns County, by authory County County, by authory County County, by authory County County, by authory Rem 22) 1200 SW of mars solon County County, by authory Rem 22) 1200 SW of mars solon County County, by authory Rem 22) 1200 SW of mars solon County County, by authory Rem 22) 1200 SW of mars solon County County, by authory Rem 23) 1200 SW of mars solon County County, by authory Rem 24) 1200 SW of mars solon County County, by authory Rem 25) 1200 SW of mars solon County County, by authory County County, by authory County County, by authory County

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

Į Į TOWSON, MD., (Leg, 11, 1995)

THE JEFFERSONIAN,

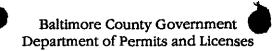
1. 14 UNILLE IN LEGAL AD. - TOWSON

BALTII RE COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION
MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT

96-3154298 FIRM #32

MISCELLANEC	JUS CASH F	RECEIPT	Dr	op-Off;	No	Review
DATE7/	/26/95	ACCOUNT.	001-	6150		
		AMOUNT	\$	335.00	(WC	R)
RECEIVED FROM:	Ame	erican PCS,	L.P.		-,	
		· SPECIAL EX · SIGN POSTI		ON .		
FOR:	- 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,	Prettyboy I)am Ro	ad	, ,	
Nathur Itan	VALIE	01401140429 35±3002+32 Ation or bigna	PM07-	<u> </u>	\$3	35.00
<u>DISTRIBUTION</u> WHITE - CASHIER PINK - A	GENCY YELLOW -	CUSTOMER				

如此一次的人,我们就是我们的一个人,我们就是一个人的人,我们就是我们的人,我们就是我们的人,我们就是我们的人,我们也会会会会会会会会会会会会会会会会会会会会会会 第一个





111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204

887-3610

August 9, 1995

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore
County, will hold a public hearing on the property identified herein in
Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenue, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 96-34-X (Item 32)

1200' SW of intersection Armacost, Spook Hill, and Prettyboy Dam Roads

6th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic Legal Owner: Baltimore County Maryland

Lessee: American PCS, L.P.

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building.

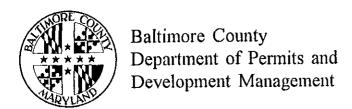
Special Exception for a wireless transmitting and receiving facility.

Arnold Jablon Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

NOTES: (1) ZONING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE.

- (2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.
- (3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

September 1, 1995

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Item No.: 32

Case No.: 96-34-X

Petitioner: American Personal

Communications

Dear Mr. Barhight:

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on July 26, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

Zoning Supervisor

WCR/jw

.AICROFILMED

Attachment(s)



David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

Ms. Joyce Watson Baltimore County Office of Permits and Development Management County Office Building, Room 109 Towson, Maryland 21204

RE:

B-7-95

Baltimore County Item No. 032 (WCR)

Dear Ms. Watson:

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours

Ronald Burns, Chief Engineering Access Permits

BS/es

MICROPHIMED

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Arnold Jablon, Director

DATE: August 8, 1995

Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM:

Pat Keller, Director

Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Item Nos. 26, 31, (32), 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, and 54.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

Prepared by

Division Chief:

PK/JL

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

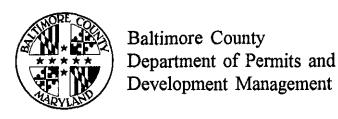
TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: August 14, 1995 Zoning Administration and Development Management

FROM: Robert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Development Plans Review

RE: Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting for August 14, 1995 Items 030, 031, 032, 033, 034, 035, 036, 037, 041 and 042

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed the subject zoning items and we have no comments.

RWB: sw



Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

August 22, 1995

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor, & Preston 210 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204 96-34-X

RE: Preliminary Petition Review (Item #32)
Prettyboy Dam, Spookhill & Armacost Rds.

6th Election District

Dear Mr. Barhight:

At the request of the attorney/petitioner, the above referenced petition was accepted for filing without a final filing review by the staff. The plan was accepted with the understanding that all zoning issues/filing requirements would be addressed. A subsequent review by the staff has revealed unaddressed zoning issues and/or incomplete information. The following comments are advisory and do not necessarily identify all details and inherent technical zoning requirements necessary for a complete application. As with all petitions/plans filed in this office, it is the final responsibility of the petitioner to make a proper application, address any zoning conflicts and, if necessary, to file revised petition materials. All revisions (including those required by the hearing officer) must be accompanied by a check made out to Baltimore County, Maryland for the \$100.00 revision fee.

The supporting existing guy wires are not located within the described special exception use area. The site area shown on the plan is 3,149.94 +/- acres, while the site area described in the zoning description is .36 acres. The provided information concerning special exception area must be in agreement. Revise information and plans accordingly..

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 887-3391.

Very truly yours

John L. Lewis

Planner II, Zoning Review

1000

Enclosure (receipt)

c: Zoning Commissioner

Printed with Soybean Ink

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO:

Virginia W. Barnhart, County Attorney

Office of Law

Arnold Jablon, Director

Permits & Development Management

FROM:

Fred Homan

Office of the Budget

DATE:

August 9, 1995

SUBJECT: Leasing of Tower Sites

As you are aware, APC is interested in locating on the following four 800 MHz communications towers: Red Run, North Point, Spook Hill and Catonsville. While such an arrangement is acceptable at these sites, the 800 MHz Committee has established the following requirements for all interested proposers. For your information, an APC representative had been made aware of these requirements a little more than a year ago.

- 1. A detailed RF inter-modulation study must be conducted by a reputable licensed Radio System Engineer or Engineering Company. This study must take into consideration all existing frequencies in use at the site, i.e., 800 MHz and 6 GHz microwave, and all future County frequencies to be used at the site. Additionally, any frequencies used by other leasing parties must be figured into the inter-modulation studies. The calculation must be performed to the seventh (7th) order.
- A tower structural analysis based on the existing hardware load and the proposed maximum hardware load. The analysis must be completed by a licensed structural engineering firm experienced in communications tower structural analysis. All current loads will be taken into consideration. This includes (per tower) six (6) Sinclair SRL-480's, two each tower top amplifiers and six (6) runs of 1 5/8" LDF transmission line, line hangers, antennae mounts, etc. One additional SRL-480, attendant transmission line and mounting hardware will be needed to add the County's 5-channel system to each site. At this time, all cable ladders are filled to capacity, therefore, the increased tower loading presented by the addition of another ladder will require consideration in the loading calculations.

Virginia Barnhart & Arnold Jablon Leasing Tower Sites August 9, 1995 Page 2

The County has used the services of the following company:

Neubauer & Sohn Consulting Engineers, Inc. 7825 Tuckerman Lane Potomac, MD 20854 (301) 299-7617

When the coverage analysis and inter-modulation studies have been completed, and the proposer has decided which tower(s) will meet their system requirements, the County's Electronic Services Division will furnish the tower manufacturer's structural data.

- 3) As required, the proposer constructs their own equipment shelter and installs their own electrical and telephone service. The proposer will adhere to all applicable electrical and telephone installation codes.
- 4) The proposer secures all necessary building permits, and constructs a building which meets and or exceeds all building codes.
- 5) The proposer employs a tower hardware installation company which is approved by the County, or uses the County's contractor.

The County's contractor is:

U.S. Towers 5263 Argo Drive Frederick, MD 21701 (301) 874-5885

- The proposer repairs and/or replaces the existing site grounding system if said system is damaged in any way by the building or bonding process. The County will test its grounding system prior to and following construction. If so desired, this can be performed with the proposer's representative(s) in attendance.
- 7) The proposer must install all equipment in compliance with the Motorola fixed network equipment quality standards R-56, and any and all applicable electrical and building codes.

Virginia Barnhart & Arnold Jablon Leasing Tower Sites August 9, 1995 Page 3

Please understand that in citing the aforementioned requirements, this office is <u>not</u> approving the consideration offered by APC. It is assumed that the Office of Law will otherwise be responsible for negotiation of a lease agreement.

Finally, the Department of Public Works should be contacted for information on special requirements related to the water tanks identified by APC.

FH: nav

c: Merreen E. Kelly
W. Michael Pitcher

RE: PETITION FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION	*	BEFORE THE
1200' SW of intersection Armacost, Spook		
Hill, and Prettyboy Dam Roads, 6th	*	ZONING COMMISSIONER
Election District, 3rd Councilmanic		
	*	OF BALTIMORE COUNTY
Legal Owner: Baltimore County Maryland		
Lessee: American PCS, L.P.	*	CASE NO. 96-34-X
Petitioners		
	ملد ملد	ملت ملت ملت

ENTRY OF APPEARANCE

Please enter the appearance of the People's Counsel in the above-Notice should be sent of any hearing dates or other captioned matter. proceedings in this matter and of the passage of any preliminary or final Order.

PETER MAX ZIMMERMAN

People's Counsel for Baltimore County

CAROLE S. DEMILIO

Deputy People's Counsel Room 47, Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

(410) 887-2188

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

May of August, 1995, a copy I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this of the foregoing Entry of Appearance was mailed to G. Scott Barhight, Esquire, Whiteford, Taylor & Preston, 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue, Towson, MD 21204, attorney for Petitioners.

AUG 14 1995

DEPT. OF PERMITS & LICENSES OF BALTIMORE COUNTY



WHITEFORD, TAYLOR & PRESTON L.L.P.

SEVEN SAINT PAUL STREET
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21202-1626
TELEPHONE 410 347-8700
FAX 410 752-7092

CHRISTINE K. MCSHERRY
DIRECT NUMBER
410 832-2027.

210 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204-4515 410 832-2000 Fax 410 832-2015

1025 CONNECTICUT AVENUE, NW WASHINGTON, D.C. 20036-5405 TELEPHONE 202 659-6800 FAX 202 331-0573

1317 KING STREET

ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22314-2928

TELEPHONE 703 836-5742

FAX 703 836-0265

September 13, 1995

DELIVERY BY HAND

The Honorable Lawrence E. Schmidt Office of Planning & Zoning Room 112 400 Washington Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204



Re: Special Exception Case No. 96-37-XA and Case No. 96-34-X

Dear Mr. Schmidt:

On behalf of my client, American Personal Communications, I am writing to request that you deny the request received from Mr. Paul A. Hupfer in his letter dated September 6, 1995 to delay a ruling in the above-referenced cases. In his letter Mr. Hupfer gave no adequate reason to delay a ruling in these matters. Although he states that he is requesting a delay to allow time to discuss the matter with APC, he had that opportunity prior to the zoning hearing.

Furthermore, at the hearing held on September 6, 1995, you stated on the record that you would grant the applications in these cases. As you have already ruled on the Petitions, I see no reason to delay issuing those decisions.

Thank you for your consideration of our request that you deny Mr. Hupfer's request to delay your decision. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Christine K. McSherry

CKM:sll Enclosure

CC:

Mr. Paul A. Hupfer

Mr. Greg Sarro

58203

Environmental Impact Statement

Spook Hill American PCS Site

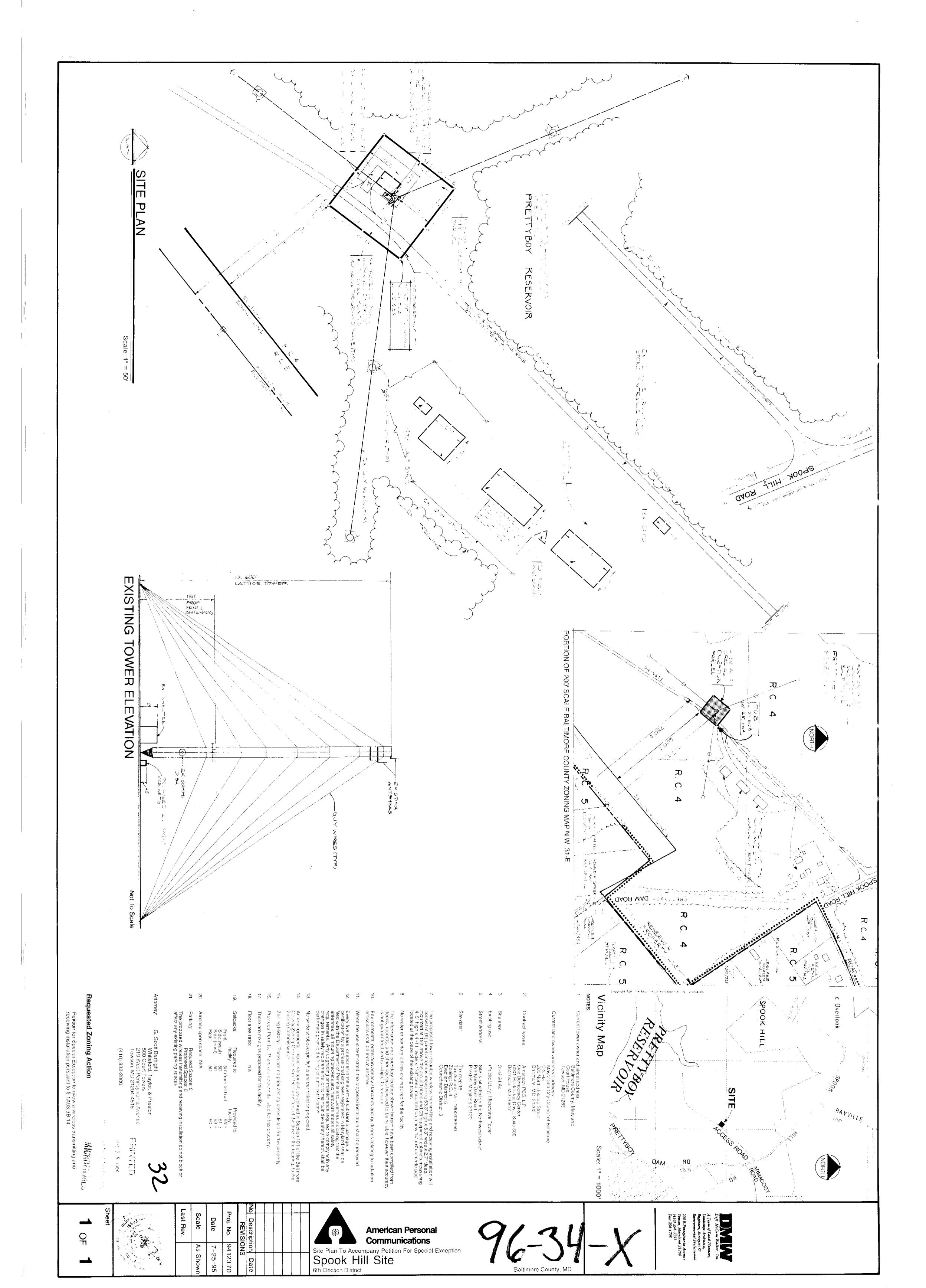
August 1995 Project No. 94123.70

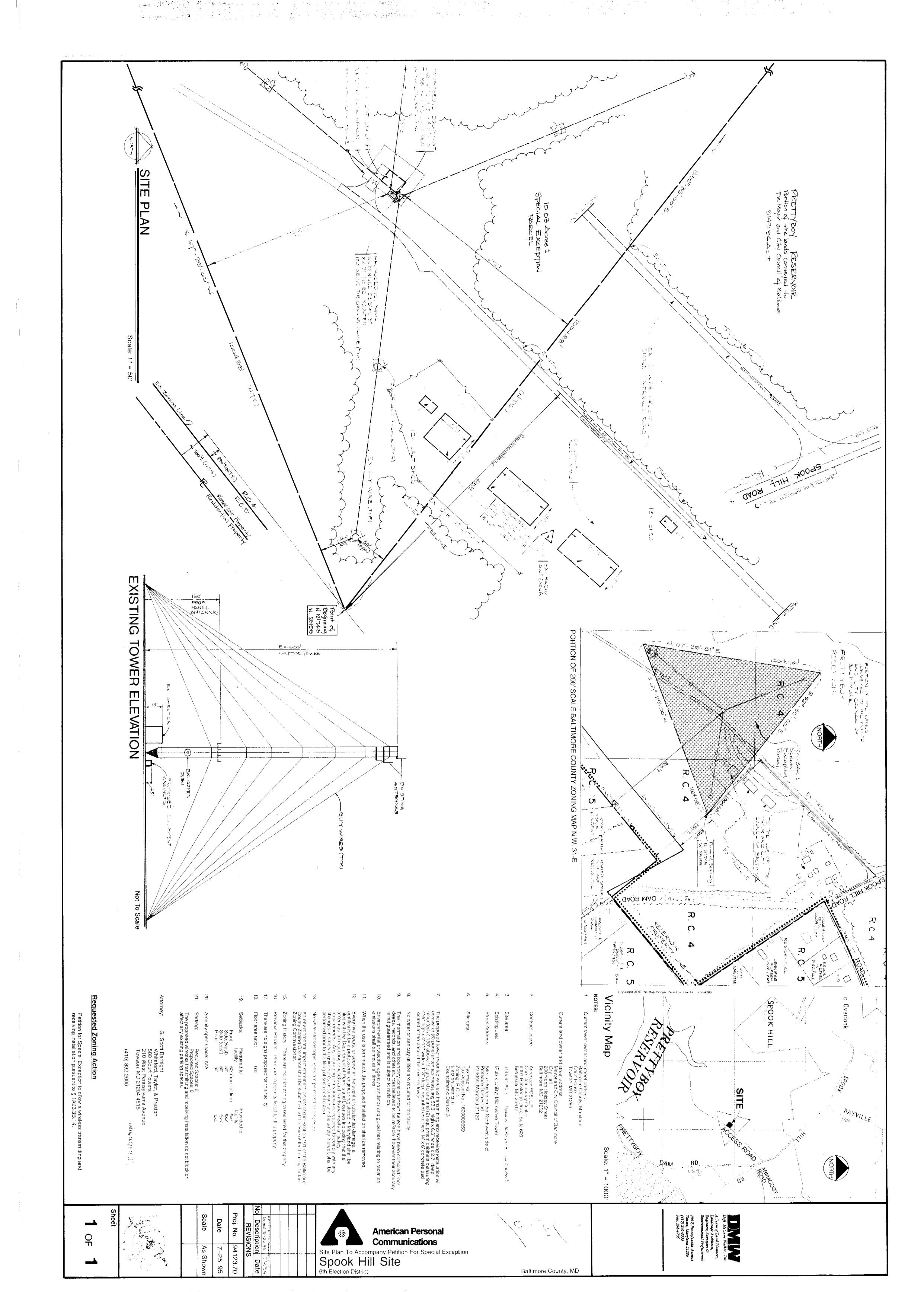
Prepared for: American PCS, L.P. One Democracy Center Suite 600 6901 Rockledge Drive Bethesda, MD 20817 Just scan cover

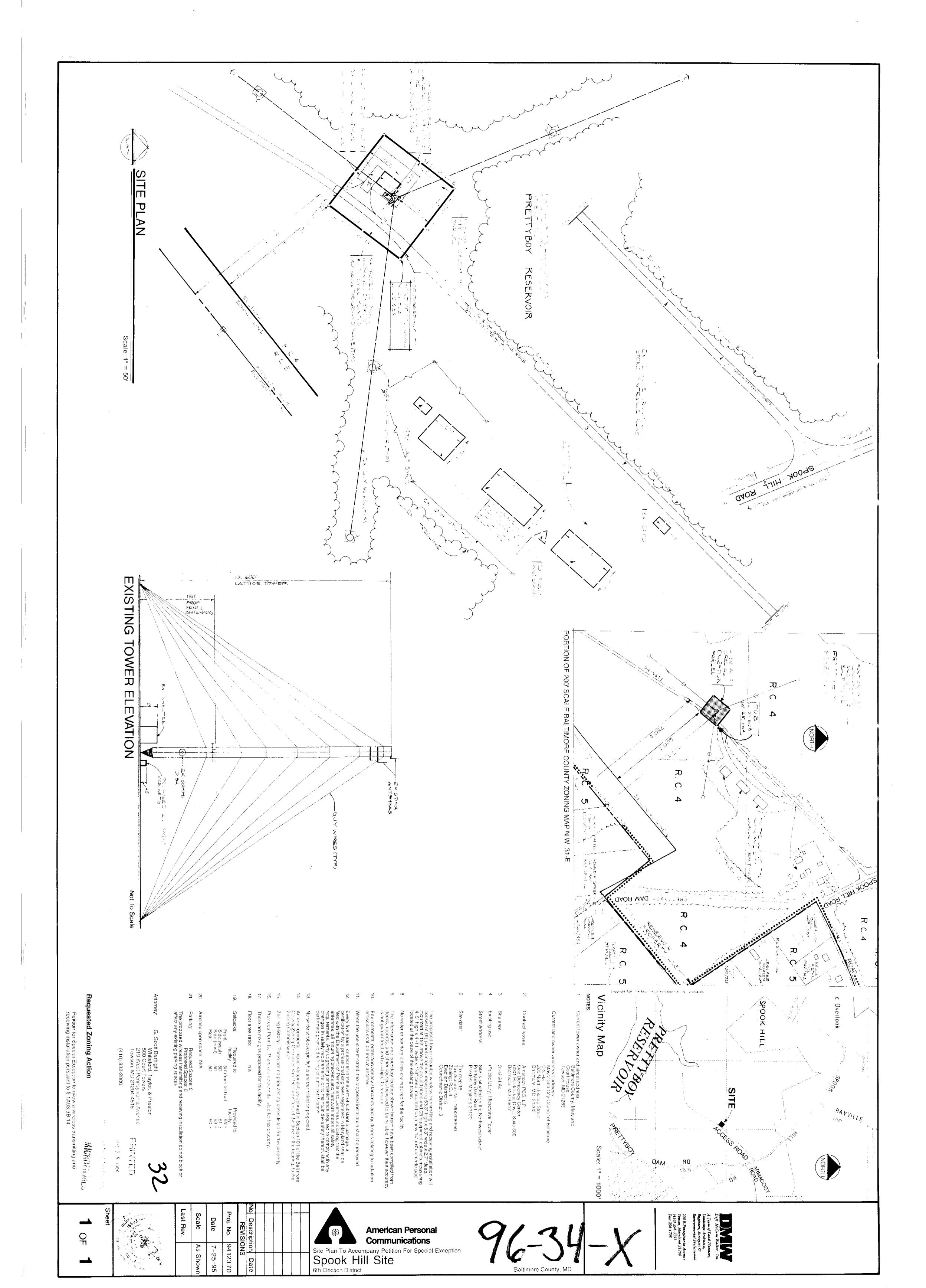
Pet SA

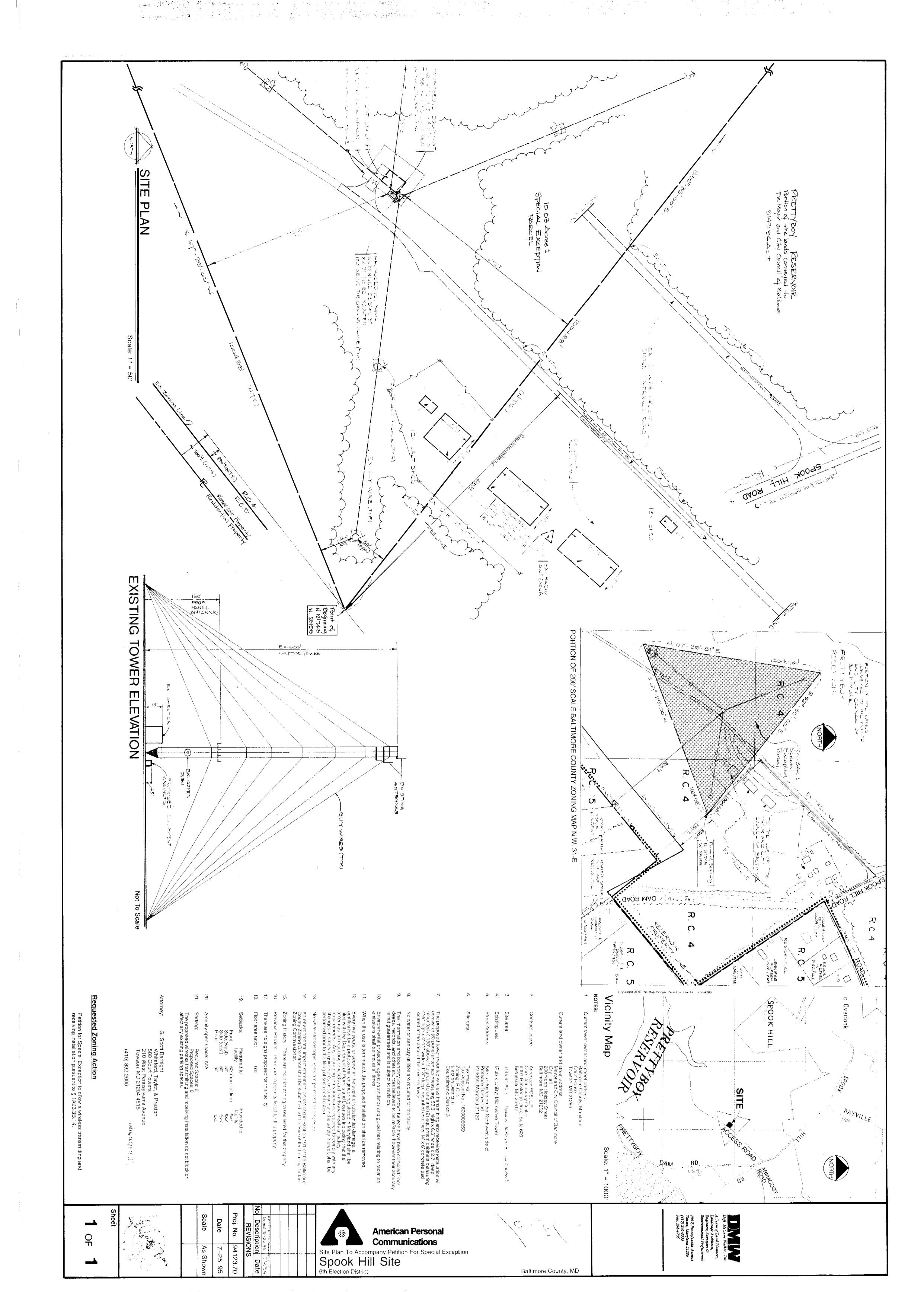


Prepared by:
Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc.
200 East Pennsylvania Avenue









IN PE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION * BEFORE THE NW/S Prettyboy Dam Road, 1200' SW of its intersection w/Spook Hill Road * ZONING COMMISSIONER and Armacost Road

* OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 6th Election District 3rd Councilmanic District * Case No. 96-34-X

Baltimore County, Maryland, Owner; American PCS, L.P., Contract Lessee - Petitioners * * * * * * * * * *

FINDINGS OF FACT AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

This matter comes before the Zoning Commissioner as a Petition for Special Exception for that property located on the northwest side of Prettyboy Dam Road, just west of its intersection with Armacost Road and Spook Hill Road, in the vicinity of the Prettyboy Reservoir. The Petition was filed by the owners of the property, Baltimore County, Maryland, a body politic, and the Contract Lessee, American PCS, L.P., hereinafter referred to as APC, by Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esquire, through their attorney G. Scott Barhight, Esquire. The Petitioners seek a special exception to permit a wireless transmitting and receiving facility to be located on an existing tower on the subject property, as more particularly described on the site plan submitted which was accepted into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 6.

This matter came in for a public hearing before this Zoning Commissioner as a combined case with six other Petitions filed by APC. Each of the seven cases included requests for zoning relief pursuant to the applicable provisions of the B.C.Z.R. At the hearings, testimony was received from Gregory Sarro, a Zoning Administrator for APC. Also present in support of the Petitions were Melanie Moser, a Consultant with Daft-McCune-Walker, inc., and Andrew Werchniak, an electrical engineer with Moffit, Larson & Johnson, a site acquisition consulting firm. The Petitioner was represented by Christine K. McSherry, Esquire.

In the specific request by APC for the subject site, there was no opposition, although testimony was generally received in opposition to the request from J. A. Mann, a resident of Randallstown. Appearing as interested parties were Lisa Roemer and Mary Roemer, residents of Parkton.

The subject Petition is another in a series of Petitions recently considered by this Zoning Commissioner on behalf of APC. As recounted in prior decisions of this office, APC is a communications company which is a new entrant in the field of wireless communications in the Baltimore-Washington demographic area. APC specializes in wireless communications, including telephone, facsimile, and computer transmissions. The company employs a state-of-the-art technology to serve its clientele. One of the features of the company's communications network is the ability of mobile users to utilize the company's services. In order to provide such service, the company is establishing a grid of inter-connecting wireless facilities. Each grid serves a specific geographic area. As a user passes from one geographic area to another adjoining area, his transmission is handed off from one facility to the next. In order to establish this capability, the company must install its wireless transmitting and receiving antennae in select areas to insure a continuous and unbroken line of communication. At the Spook Hill site, the Petitioner proposes to install its antennae on an existing tower owned by Baltimore County. This tower is 400 feet in height and is located in the vicinity of the Prettyboy Reservoir on land zoned D.R. 2. The tower is utilized by Baltimore County for its public needs. The Petitioners propose to install six panel antennae on the tower at a height above ground level of approximately 150 feet, roughly 1/3 the height of the tower. The antennae will be situated on the tower so as to provide service in a 360 degree range to the surrounding grid. These antennae are 53.3 inches tall, 6.3 inches wide, and 2.7 inches deep. Two small equipment cabinets will be installed at the base of the tower to provide electrical service and equipment to the antennae. The

Testimony received from Mr. Gregory Sarro of APC fully described the general and site specific details of APC's operation. He noted that the company has been in business for approximately six years and is duly licensed by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Mr. Sarro described the interlocking grid system as set forth above. He noted that each grid will cover an area approximately five miles in radius, and that a facility is needed in this area of Parkton in the vicinity of the subject site. He also noted that the antennae fully comply with all FCC safety standards and guidelines. Specifically, there will be no interference with microwave, radio, television, or other transmissions and there is no danger to public health, welfare, or safety.

tect with Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc. She corroborated the testimony offered by Mr. Sarro regarding the benign effects of the proposed facility on the surrounding locale.

A packet of information was submitted and marked into evidence as Petitioner's Exhibit 1, which fully depicts the antennae and contains photographs of the existing tower on this site. An environmental effects statement was also received (Petitioner's Exhibit 5A) which concludes that there will be no detrimental effect upon the surrounding locale.

D.R. zone by special exception. Moreover, the B.C.Z.R. encourage indus-

facility will be unmanned but for routine maintenance inspections.

Testimony was also received from Melanie Moser, a landscape archi-

Wireless transmitting and receiving facilities are permitted in a

tries in this field to utilize existing towers. The installation of antennae on existing buildings and towers minimizes the construction of unsightly monopoles throughout the skyscape of Baltimore County.

After due consideration of the testimony and evidence presented, it is clear that the proposed wireless transmitting and receiving facility at the Spook Mill location will not be detrimental to the health, safety or general welfare of the community. The evidence was overwhelming to support a finding that the inherent effects of the proposed facility are no greater at this location than if the facility was located elsewhere within the zone. It is clear that the Petitioner has satisfied the requirements of Section 502.1 of the B.C.Z.R. and that the Petition for Special Exception should be granted. See Schultz v. Pritts, 291, Md. 1 (1971).

Pursuant to the advertisement, posting of the property, and public hearing on these Petitions held, and for the reasons set forth above, the special exception and variance relief should be granted.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED by the Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County this All day of October, 1995 that the Petition for Special Exception to permit a wireless transmitting and receiving facility to be located on an existing tower on the subject property, in accordance with Petitioner's Exhibit 6, be and is hereby GRANTED, subject to the following restriction:

> 1) The Petitioners may apply for their building permit and be granted same upon receipt of this Order; however, Petitioners are hereby made aware that proceeding at this time is at their own risk until such time as the 30-day appellate process from this Order has expired. If, for whatever reason, this Order is reversed, the relief granted herein shall be rescinded.

> > CERTIFICATE OF POSTING

Location of property: 1200' 54 frm acost, sport Hill of rottyboy from Rds

ZONING DEPARTMENT OF BALTIMORE COUNTY 96-34-

LAWRENCE E. SCHMIDT Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

EOS.

Zoning Commissioner Office of Planning and Zoning

Baltimore County Government

Suite 112 Courthouse 400 Washington Avenue Towson, MD 21204

October 27, 1995

(410) 887-4386

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire Christine K. McSherry, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue

Towson, Maryland 21204 RE: PETITIONS FOR SPECIAL EXCEPTION AND VARIANCE NW/S Prettyboy Dam Road, 1200' SW of its intersection with Spook Hill Road and Armacost Road 6th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic District Baltimore County, Maryland - Owners, and American PCS, L.P. - Contract Lessee - Petitioners Case No. 96-34-X

Dear Mr. Barhight & Ms. McSherry:

Enclosed please find a copy of the decision rendered in the above-captioned matter. The Petition for Special Exception has been granted in accordance with the attached Order.

In the event any party finds the decision rendered is unfavorable, any party may file an appeal to the County Board of Appeals within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order. For further information on filing an appeal, please contact the Zoning Administration and Development Management office at 887-3391.

Zoning Commissioner for Baltimore County

LES:bjs

cc: Mr. Fred Homan, Director, Baltimore County Budget Office

Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esquire, American PCS, L.P. One Democracy Ctr., 6901 Rockledge Drive, Bethesda, Md. 20817 Ms. Lisa Roemer, 17236 Evna Road, Parkton, Md. 21120 Ms. Mary Roemer, 2334 Tracey's Store Road, Parkton, Md. 21120 People's Counsel; Case File

Petition for Special Exception to the Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County

Northwest side of Prettyboy Dam Road; 1200 feet for the property located at Southwest of the intersection of Prettyboy Dam Road,

Spockhill Road, and Armacost Road
which is presently zoned

R.C.4

This Patition shall be filed with the Office of Zoning Administration & Development Management. The undersigned, legal owner(s) of the property situate in Baltimore County and which is described in the description and plat attached hereto and made a part hereof, hereby petition for a Special Exception under the Zening Regulations of Baltimore County, to use the

A wireless transmitting and receiving facility. Contract lease negotiations are ongoing between Petitioner, American Personal Communications, and the legal Owner, Baltimore County trees to the submission of this petition. American Personal Communications understands that it may not obtain a lease for this site, and is proceeding with this petition at its own risk.

Property is to be posted and advertised as prescribed by Zoning Regulations.

I, or we, agree to pay expenses of above Special Exception advertising, posting, etc., upon filing of this petition, and further agree to and are to be bound by the zoning regulations and restrictions of Baltimore County accepted pursuant to the Zoning Law for Baltimore County. LiWe do solemnly declare end affirm, under the panalises of parjury, that I've are the legal owner(s) of the property which is the subject of this Petition.

First Purchaser/Lassee;	Legal Owner(s):
Margaret C. Ruggieri, Esq. for American PCS, L.P.	Baltimore County, Maryland
Orvariet (. Lugiuri / smm	(Type or Print Name)
One Democracy Center 6901 Rockledge Drive	Signature
Bethesda, MD 20817	(Type or Print Seme)
State Zipcode	401 Bosley Avenue
G. Scott Barhight, Esq.	Towson, MD 21286
G. Scott Barhant (China)	City State Name, Address and phone number of legal owner, contract purchas representative to be contacted.
Whiteford, Taylor, & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue	G. Scott Barhight, Esq. 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204 832-2000
Towson, MD 21204 (410) 832-2000	Address Pho OFFICE USE OHLY
State Zipcode	

REVIEW 7/26/95

Description

To Accompany Petition for Special Exception 0.36 Acre Special Exception Parcel Part of the Lands Conveyed to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore Northwest Side of Prettyboy Dam Road

Sixth Election District, Baltimore County, Maryland

DMW Daft:McCune Walker, Inc.

Visite Mandana 2024)

Allemetians Caron

Land Sark Art Steel

ាស៊ីស្សាស្តា ខែកាសកា សា

Paratagram Profession

Beginning for the same at the end of the third of the following courses and distances measured from the point formed by the intersection of the centerline of Spook Hill Road with the centerline of Armacost Road and the centerline of Prettyboy Dam Road (1) Northwesterly along the centerline of Spook Hill Road 300.00 feet, more or less, and thence (2) Southwesterly along the centerline of a private road 1190 feet, more or less, and thence (3) Southeasterly 17 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning, said point of beginning having coordinate values North 121828 feet, more or less, and West 25684 feet, more or less, said values being referred to the coordinate system established in the Baltimore County Metropolitan District, thence leaving said beginning point and running the four following courses and distances, viz; (1) South 36 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 125.00 feet, thence (2) North 54 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds West 125.00 feet, thence (3) North 36 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 125.00 feet, thence (4) South 54 degrees 00 minutes 00 seconds East 125.00 feet to the point of beginning; containing 0.36 acres of land, more or less.

THIS DESCRIPTION HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR ZONING PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT INTENDED TO BE USED FOR CONVEYANCE. July 20, 1995 Project No. 94123.70

76-34-X

Location of Space Facing rood way on preparty boing tored

Petitioner: Balta Co. Md.

CERTIFICATE OF PUBLICATION

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that the annexed advertisement was published in THE JEFFERSONIAN, a weekly newspaper published in Towson, Baltimore County, Md., once in each of weeks, the first publication appearing on Useg. 10, 1946

THE JEFFERSONIAN.

LEGAL AD. - TOWSON

Printed with Soybean Ink

BALTIME E COUNTY, MARYLAND
OFFICE OF FINANCE - REVENUE DIVISION
MISCELLANEOUS CASH RECEIPT

T/26/95

ACCOUNT 001-6150

RECEIVED AMERICAN PCS, L.P.

#050 - SPECIAL EXCEPTION
#080 - SIGN POSTING

Prettyboy Dam Road

01401#8429#10HFC \$335.00

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

Arnold Jablon, Director
Zoning Administration and
Development Management

DATE: August 8, 1995

FROM: Pat Keller, Director
Office of Planning and Zoning

SUBJECT: Petitions from Zoning Advisory Committee

The Office of Planning and Zoning has no comments on the following petition(s):

Item Nos. 26, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 41, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 49, 50, 51, 53, and 54.

If there should be any further questions or if this office can provide additional information, please contact Jeffrey Long in the Office of Planning at 887-3480.

Prepared by: Jeffry W. Zong

PK/JL

ITEM26/PZONE/ZAC1

Baltimore County Government
Department of Permits and Licenses

111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, MD 21204 887-3610

August 9, 1995

NOTICE OF HEARING

The Zoning Commissioner of Baltimore County, by authority of the Zoning Act and Regulations of Baltimore County, will hold a public bearing on the property identified herein in Room 106 of the County Office Building, 111 W. Chesapeake Avenue in Towson, Maryland 21204

Room 118, Old Courthouse, 400 Washington Avenne, Towson, Maryland 21204 as follows:

CASE NUMBER: 96-34-X (Item 32)
1200' SW of intersection Armacost, Spook Hill, and Prettyboy Dam Roads
6th Election District - 3rd Councilmanic
Legal Owner: Baltimore County Maryland
Lessee: American PCS, L.P.

Special Exception for a wireless transmitting and receiving facility.

HEARING: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 1995 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 106, County Office Building.

Call Jobber

Armold Jablon Director

Department of Permits and Development Management

NOTES: (1) ZONTING SIGN & POST MUST BE RETURNED TO RM. 104, 111 W. CHESAPEAKE AVENUE ON THE HEARING DATE.

(2) HEARINGS ARE HANDICAPPED ACCESSIBLE; FOR SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS PLEASE CALL 887-3353.

(3) FOR INFORMATION CONCERING THE FILE AND/OR HEARING, CONTACT THIS OFFICE AT 887-3391.

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

FROM: PRobert W. Bowling, P.E., Chief Development Plans Review

041 and 042

for August 14, 1995

RWB:sw

Zoning Advisory Committee Meeting

the subject zoning items and we have no comments.

TO: Arnold Jablon, Director DATE: August 14, 1995

Zoning Administration and Development Management

Items 030, 031, 032, 033, 034, 035, 036, 037, g

The Development Plans Review Division has reviewed

Baltimore County
Department of Permits and
Development Management

Development Processing
County Office Building
111 West Chesapeake Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21204

August 22, 1995

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor, & Preston 210 West Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, MD 21204

96-34-X

RE: Preliminary Petition Review (Item #32)
Prettyboy Dam, Spookhill & Armacost Rds.
6th Election District

Dear Mr. Barhight:

At the request of the attorney/petitioner, the above referenced petition was accepted for filing without a final filing review by the staff. The plan was accepted with the understanding that all zoning issues/filing requirements would be addressed. A subsequent review by the staff has revealed unaddressed zoning issues and/or incomplete information. The following comments are advisory and do not necessarily identify all details and inherent technical zoning requirements necessary for a complete application. As with all petitions/plans filed in this office, it is the final responsibility of the petitioner to make a proper application, address any zoning conflicts and, if necessary, to file revised petition materials. All revisions (including those required by the hearing officer) must be accompanied by a check made out to Baltimore County, Maryland for the \$100.00 revision fee.

The supporting existing guy wires are not located within the described special exception use area. The site area shown on the plan is 3,149.94 +/- acres, while the site area described in the zoning description is .36 acres. The provided information concerning special exception area must be in agreement. Revise information and plans accordingly..

If you need further information or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 887-3391.

John L. Lewis
Planner II, Zoning Revie

Enclosure (receipt)

c: Zoning Commissioner

Baltimore County
Department of Permits and
Development Management

Development Processing County Office Building 111 West Chesapeake Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

September 1, 1995

G. Scott Barhight, Esquire Whiteford, Taylor & Preston 210 W. Pennsylvania Avenue Towson, Maryland 21204

RE: Item No.: 32
Case No.: 96-34-X
Petitioner: American Personal
Communications

Dear Mr. Barhight:

WCR/jw

Attachment(s)

The Zoning Advisory Committee (ZAC), which consists of representatives from Baltimore County approval agencies, has reviewed the plans submitted with the above referenced petition, which was accepted for processing by Permits and Development Management (PDM), Zoning Review, on July 26, 1995.

Any comments submitted thus far from the members of ZAC that offer or request information on your petition are attached. These comments are not intended to indicate the appropriateness of the zoning action requested, but to assure that all parties (zoning commissioner, attorney, petitioner, etc.) are made aware of plans or problems with regard to the proposed improvements that may have a bearing on this case. Only those comments that are informative will be forwarded to you; those that are not informative will be placed in the permanent case file.

If you need further information or have any questions regarding these comments, please do not hesitate to contact the commenting agency or Joyce Watson in the zoning office (887-3391).

Sincerely, Conference of St.

W. Carl Richards, Jr.

W. Carl Richards, C Zoning Supervisor

Maryland Department of Transportation
State Highway Administration

Permits and Development Management

County Office Building, Room 109

David L. Winstead Secretary Hal Kassoff Administrator

8-7-95

RE: Baltimore County Item No. 032 (WCR)

Dear Ms. Watson:

Ms. Joyce Watson

Baltimore County Office of

Towson, Maryland 21204

This office has reviewed the referenced item and we have no objection to approval as it does not access a State roadway and is not affected by any State Highway Administration projects.

Please contact Bob Small at 410-333-1350 if you have any questions.

Thank you for the opportunity to review this item.

Very truly yours,

Bel Small

From Ronald Burns, Chief

Ronald Burns, Chief
Engineering Access Permits
Division

S/es

BALTIMORE COUNTY, MARYLAND

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

32

Virginia W. Barnhart, County Attorney Office of Law

Arnold Japlon, Director
Permits & Development Management

ROM: Fred Homan Office of the Budget

DATE: August 9, 1995

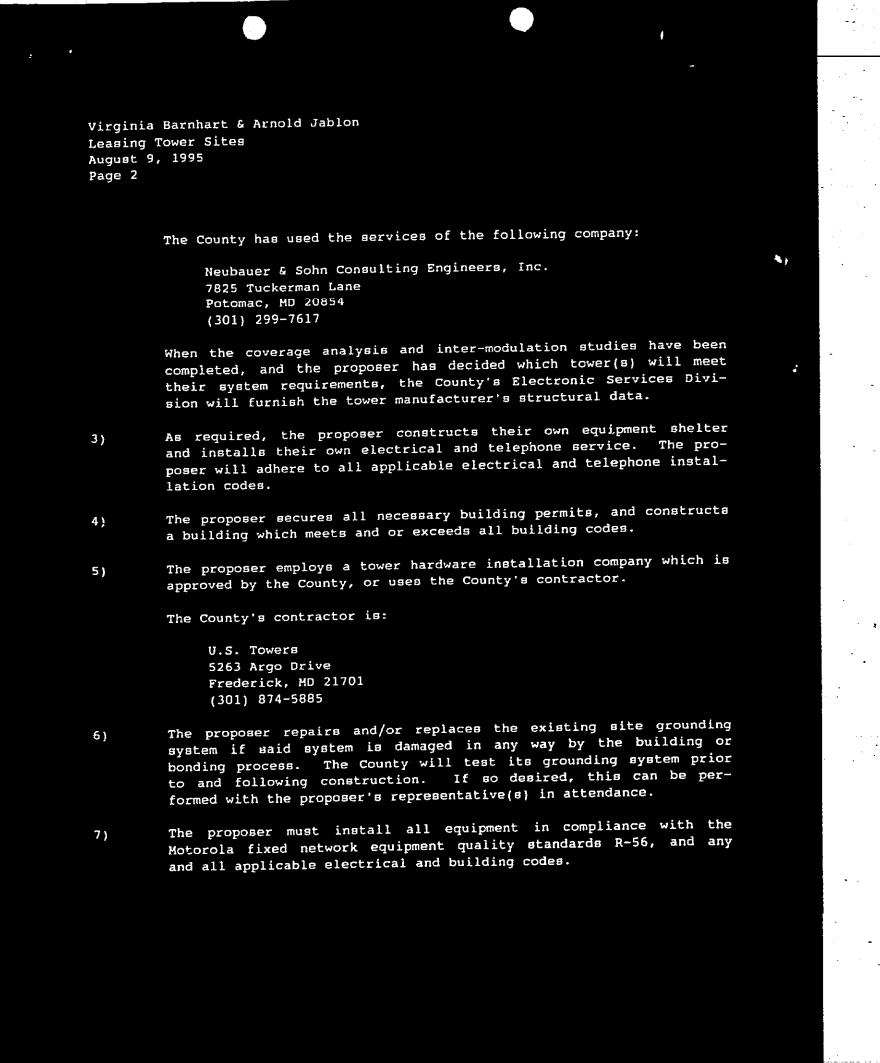
SUBJECT: Leasing of Tower Sites

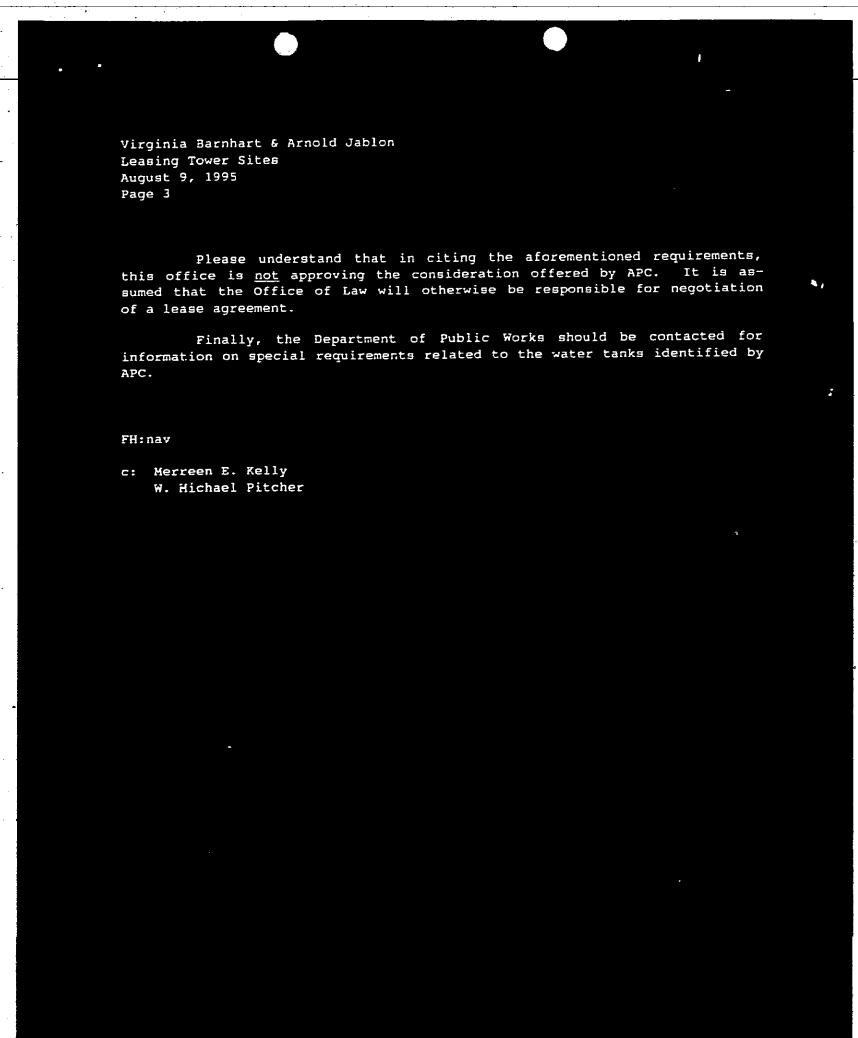
As you are aware, APC is interested in locating on the following four 800 MHz communications towers: Red Run, North Point, Spook Hill and Catonsville. While such an arrangement is acceptable at these sites, the 800 MHz Committee has established the following requirements for all interested proposers. For your information, an APC representative had been made aware of these requirements a little more than a year ago.

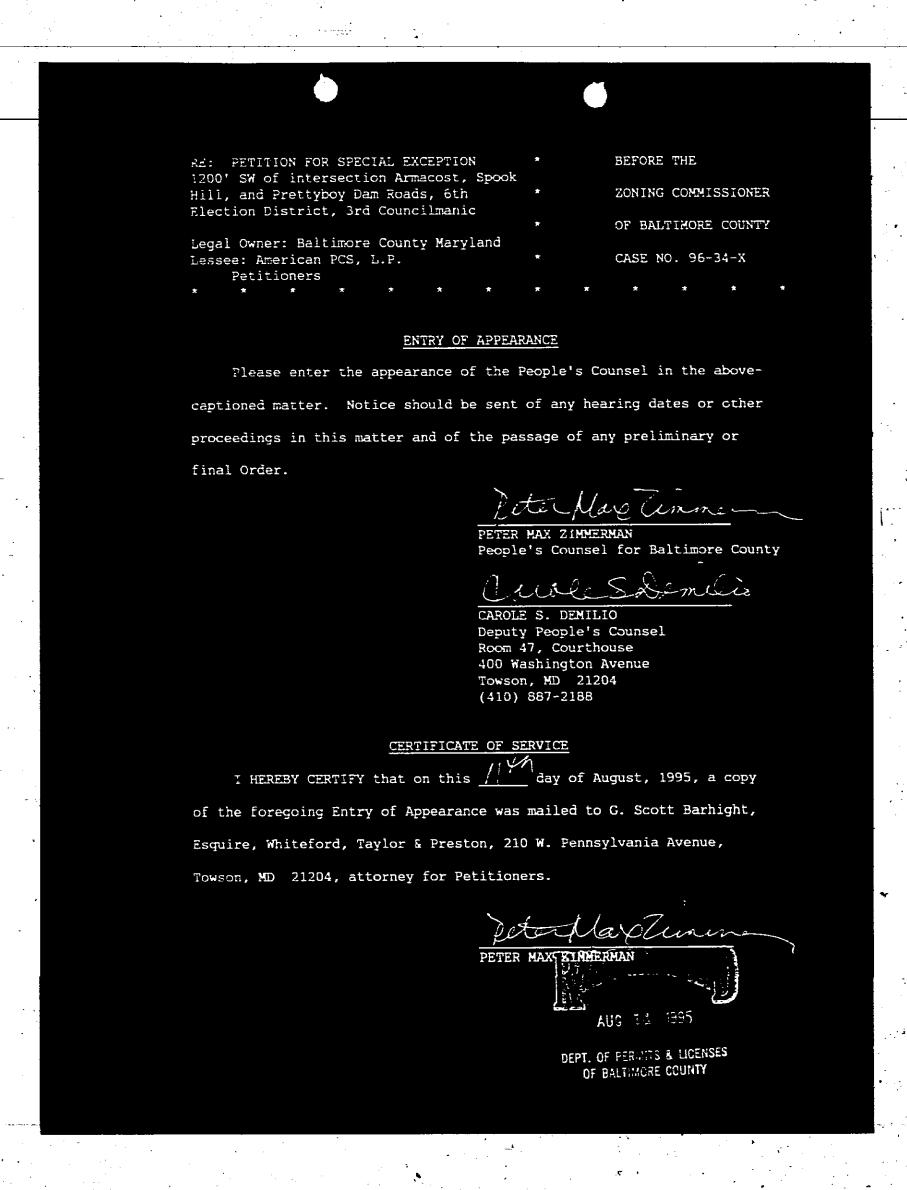
A detailed RF inter-modulation study must be conducted by a reputable licensed Radio System Engineer or Engineering Company. This study must take into consideration all existing frequencies in use at the site, i.e., 800 MHz and 6 GHz microwave, and all future County frequencies to be used at the site. Additionally, any frequencies used by other leasing parties must be figured into the inter-modulation studies. The calculation must be performed to the seventh (7th) order.

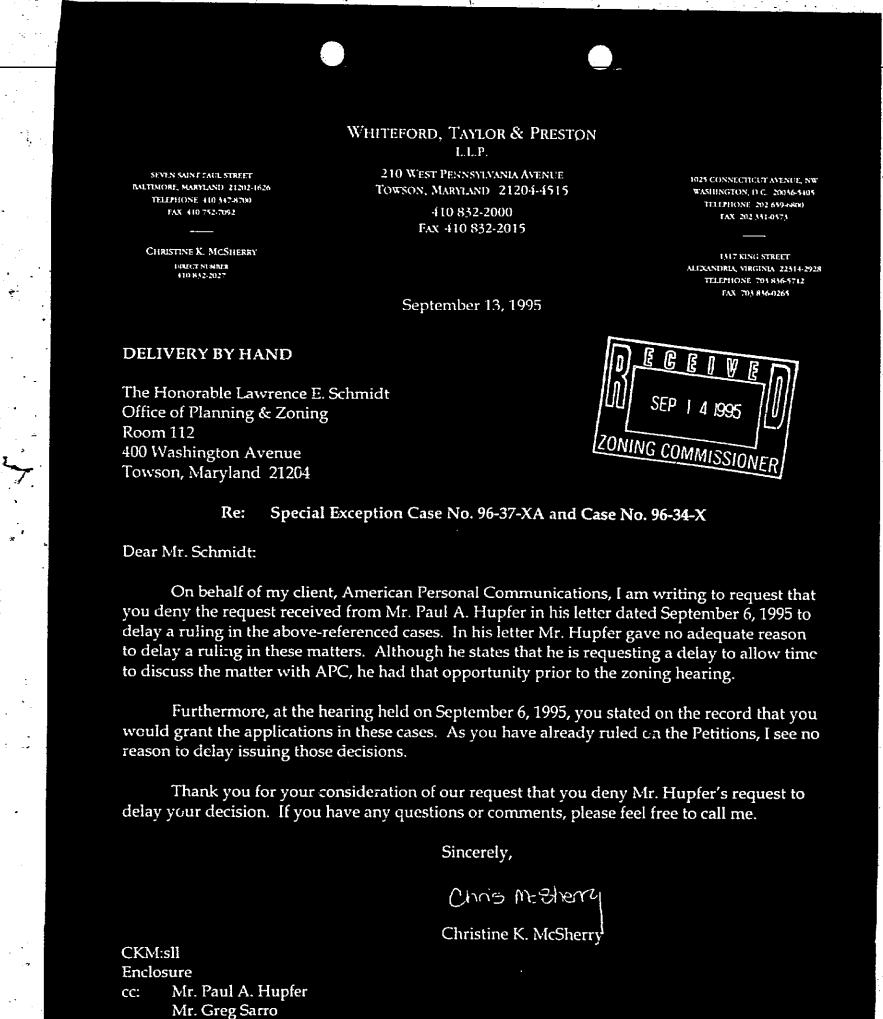
A tower structural analysis based on the existing hardware load and the proposed maximum hardware load. The analysis must be completed by a licensed structural engineering firm experienced in communications tower structural analysis. All current loads will be taken into consideration. This includes (per tower) six (6) Sinclair SRL-480's, two each tower top amplifiers and six (6) runs of 1 5/8° LDF transmission line, line hangers, antennae mounts, etc. One additional SRL-480, attendant transmission line and mounting hardware will be needed to add the County's 5-channel system to each site. At this time, all cable ladders are filled to capacity, therefore, the increased tower loading presented by the addition of another ladder will require consideration in the loading calculations.

Printed with Soybean had









Environmental impact Statement

Spook Hill American PCS Site

August 1995 Project No. 94123.70

Prepared for:
American PCS, L.P.
One Democracy Center
Suite 600
6901 Rockledge Drive
Bethesda, MD 20817

Prepared by:
Daft-McCune-Walker, Inc.
200 East Pennsylvania Avenue
Towson, Maryland 21286

